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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 74.8 degrees, 3.1 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, July 6. Precipitation averaged 0.96 inches, 0.04 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 24 points above normal.

Reporters rated 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, July 4. This is 0.7 days less than last year but 0.8 days more than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 12 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2003	6.2	5.9	46.0
2002	6.9	6.0	46.0
1998-2002 Average	5.4	5.2	57.2

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	12	80	7
Last Week	0	4	78	18
Same Week Last Year	16	44	39	1
1998-2002 Average	9	21	60	10

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 6

Ninety-nine percent of the State’s **Soybean** acreage has emerged. This is the same as last year and the same as the five-year average. Ten percent are blooming, compared to

six percent last year at this time and 24 percent for the five-year average. Virtually all the **Winter wheat** has turned color. Twenty-four percent of the acreage is considered ripe. This is five days behind last year and 10 days behind the 1998-2002 average. Six percent of winter wheat has been harvested. This is five days behind last year and seven days behind the five year average. Ninety-eight percent of the **Oat** crop is now headed. This is 13 days ahead of last year and three days ahead of the five-year average. Reporters estimated three percent of oats are now ripe. This is six days behind last year and two weeks behind the 1998-2002 average. The first cutting of **Alfalfa** hay is 99 percent complete and the second cutting is 15 percent complete. The first cutting of **Other** hay is 90 percent complete and the second cutting is eight percent complete. Seventy-two percent of the **Cucumbers** have been planted. **Strawberry** growers have 95 percent of their crop harvested. This is four days behind last year and six days behind the five year average. Fruit producers have four percent of **Summer Apples** harvested and two percent of **Peaches** harvested.

Warmer temperatures continue to persist across the state with rain arriving at the end of the week. Farmers began harvesting wheat and continued to bale hay. Vegetable producers in the southern part of the state harvested sweet corn, tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, onions, collard and mustard greens, and kale. Growers sprayed for weeds and hauled grain to local elevators.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated 57 percent good to excellent condition. Reporters indicated in some locations, that corn plants are showing heat stress. Respondents estimated livestock at 79 percent good to excellent condition. Livestock producers are concerned about the excessive heat and it’s effects on their animals. Winter wheat was rated at 79 percent good to excellent condition. Army worms have been reported in wheat fields and some are making their way to the corn fields.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 6

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	99	100	98	85	NA
Alfalfa hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	15	30	33	6	NA
Cucumbers planted	72	100	96	70	NA
Oats headed	98	88	96	82	65
Oats ripe	3	8	15	2	NA
Other hay 1 <sup>st</sup> cutting	90	94	94	75	NA
Other hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	8	16	17	4	NA
Peaches harvested	2	NA	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans emerged	99	99	99	87	93
Soybeans blooming	10	6	24	NA	NA
Strawberries harvested	95	98	99	90	NA
Summer apples harvested	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat turning color	100	100	100	85	NA
Winter wheat ripe	24	71	82	8	NA
Winter wheat harvested	6	31	34	NA	47

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 6

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	10	30	41	16
Previous Week	4	10	29	43	14
Previous Year	3	11	38	41	7
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	31	46	13
Previous Week	6	10	30	45	9
Previous Year	1	8	34	50	7
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	2	19	63	16
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	20	62	12
Previous Week	1	8	24	57	10
Previous Year	2	12	31	50	5
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	24	57	13
Previous Week	1	5	21	59	14
Previous Year	2	12	39	42	5
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	10	31	46	10
Previous Week	4	10	33	44	9
Previous Year	4	11	38	40	7
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	3	17	53	26
Previous Week	1	3	19	54	23
Previous Year	2	9	32	45	12

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY JULY 6

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	75.5	3.8	1.16	0.29	13.41	1.95	174	24	1169	-73
North Central	75.1	3.8	0.92	0.01	13.42	1.57	176	29	1155	-49
Northeast	72.9	3.3	0.93	0.06	13.46	1.58	163	27	1075	-60
West Central	75.8	3.4	1.86	0.76	14.81	1.99	179	25	1264	-42
Central	75.7	3.5	0.92	-0.10	14.60	1.89	178	26	1288	-38
Central Hills	74.4	3.8	0.98	-0.04	13.76	1.15	173	31	1185	-29
Northeast Hills	73.1	2.5	0.89	-0.14	13.58	1.21	165	22	1168	-66
Southwest	76.1	2.8	1.09	-0.01	14.67	0.85	179	20	1340	-49
South Central	74.9	2.0	0.39	-0.65	16.95	4.56	173	16	1384	-39
Southeast	74.2	2.6	0.55	-0.44	14.83	2.38	170	22	1288	-39
STATE	74.8	3.1	0.96	-0.04	14.41	1.96	173	24	1240	-48

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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